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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – As a long-time proponent of domestic drilling, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today welcomed President Obama's announcement that his Administration will expand oil and gas development and exploration on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. In 2008, Altmire played a key role in persuading Congress to lift the moratorium on drilling on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf for the first time in more than 25 years.

"Increased domestic drilling is a key component of our on-going efforts to end America's dangerous dependence on foreign oil," Altmire said. "In 2008, Congress paved the way for the largest expansion of domestic drilling in history by lifting the moratorium on drilling in the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. I am glad that President Obama is committed to building upon our actions by moving forward with plans to allow drilling in key areas."